

AMENDED VERSION

IN THE CLAIMS:

What is claimed is:

1. (Currently amended) A clinician documentation system for use with a computer processor comprising augmenting means for eliciting information for medical codes ~~more accurate conclusions~~ through the analysis of clinician-entered information and predetermined criteria input.

2. (Original) The system according to claim 1 including storage means for recording inputted predetermined criteria, entered information and conclusions thereof into a database.

3. (Currently amended) The system according to claim 1 wherein ~~including a software program encoding for said augmenting means~~ is a software program.

4. (Original) The system according to claim 1, wherein said augmenting means is further defined as a selection option mechanism.

5. (Original) The system according to claim 4, wherein said augmenting means includes at least one of data addition means for adding information and data substituting means for substituting information.

6. (Currently amended) The system according to claim 4, wherein said augmenting means includes an elicitation database for intelligently suggesting ~~at least one of more~~ information for medical codes ~~accurate conclusions~~, alternative conclusions, and predetermined criteria to support the conclusions.

7. (Currently amended) The system according to claim 6, wherein said augmenting means includes eliciting conclusions selected from the group consisting ~~essentially~~ of medical payment codes, billing codes, treatment codes, and service codes.

8. (Original) The system according to claim 4, wherein said augmenting means includes analysis of predetermined criteria input wherein the criteria includes phrases, words, numbers and symbols relating to the conclusions.

9. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 1 utilized on a device selected from the group consisting ~~essentially~~ of hand-held devices, portable computers, desktop computers, wireless devices, web-based technology systems, touch screen devices, typing devices, and electronic devices.

10. (Original) The system according to claim 1, wherein said system further includes accuracy confirming means for confirming the accuracy of previously entered information.

11. (Original) The system according to claim 1 including searching means for locating words and phrases.

12. (Original) The system according to claim 1 including linking means for linking to a listing and description of predetermined criteria.

13. (Original) The system according to claim 1 including free-text entry means for entering text into said system.

14. (Original) The system according to claim 1 including security means for restricting access to said system.

15. (Currently amended) A software program for use with a computer processor for providing information for medical codes ~~more accurate conclusions~~, said program comprising augmenting means for eliciting information for medical codes ~~more accurate conclusions~~ through analysis of clinician-entered information and predetermined criteria input.

16. (Currently amended) The software program according to claim 15, being accessible through communication systems selected from the group consisting ~~essentially~~ of the Internet, Intranet, Extranet, and electronically.

17. (Original) The software program according to claim 15, wherein said augmenting means is further defined as a selection option mechanism.

18. (Original) The software program according to claim 17, wherein said augmenting means includes at least one of data addition means for adding information and data substituting means for substituting information.

19. (Original) The software program according to claim 17, wherein said augmenting means includes an elicitation data base for intelligently suggesting at least one of more accurate conclusions, alternative conclusions, and needed criteria to support the conclusions.

20. (Currently amended) The software program according to claim 17, wherein said augmenting means includes eliciting conclusions selected from the group consisting ~~essentially~~ of medical payment codes, billing codes, treatment codes, and service codes.

21. (Original) The software program according to claim 17, wherein said augmenting means includes analysis of predetermined criteria input wherein the criteria includes phrases, words, numbers and symbols relating to the conclusions.

22. (Original) The software program according to claim 15, wherein said software further includes accuracy confirming means for confirming the accuracy of previously entered information.

23. (Original) The software program according to claim 15, wherein said software further includes security means for restricting access to said software.

24. (Original) The software program according to claim 15 including searching means for locating words and phrases.

25. (Original) The software program according to claim 15 including linking means for linking to a listing and description of predetermined criteria.

26. (Original) The software program according to claim 15 including free-text entry means for entering text into said system.

Claims 27-50 (Cancelled)

51. (Currently Amended) A clinician documentation method for use with a computer processor comprising the steps of eliciting ~~more accurate conclusions~~ information for medical codes through the analysis of clinician-entered information and predetermined criteria input and subsequent augmenting of the entered information therein.